

OREGON POTATOES



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PROCESSING

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 47.9 million cwt of raw potatoes to March 1, 2002, 7.34 million cwt less than the 55.3 million cwt processed during the same period last year and 5.44 million cwt less than the 53.4 million cwt processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to March 1, 2002 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 43.0 percent of the 2001 production. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 40.9 million cwt of 2001 crop raw potatoes to March 1, 19.2 percent less than a year ago. Processing of the 2001 crop potatoes totaled 114 million cwt to March 1, 2002, down 13.1 percent from last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} NINE STATES, 2000 AND 2001

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2000-01	12,730	22,080	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
	2001-02	8,050	14,350	20,940	27,330	33,620	40,860				
Maine ^{2/}	2000-01			1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
	2001-02			1,935	2,420	3,080	3,665				
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2000-01	19,460	27,510	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
	2001-02	15,380	22,090	29,270	35,310	40,540	47,910				
Other States ^{3/}	2000-01			12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
	2001-02			12,715	15,905	18,765	21,915				
TOTAL (9 STATES)	2000-01			78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
	2001-02			64,860	80,965	96,005	114,350				

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only. 3/ MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI.

MARCH 1 STOCKS DOWN 32 PERCENT

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 11.5 million cwt (575,000 tons), on March 1, 2002, down 32 percent from March 1, 2001. Stocks account for 55 percent of 2001 production, unchanged from last year. Oregon stocks were not all grown in Oregon. Stocks include potatoes received from other states now being stored in Oregon. Eighty-two percent of Oregon's stocks are in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while Klamath stocks are 2 percent of the State's total. A year ago 73 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 6 percent were in the Klamath area. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks were down 24 percent and Klamath area stocks were down 73 percent from March 1, 2001.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and use, including shrinkage and waste, and other losses that occur after March 1.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 15 PERCENT

March 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 168 million cwt, down 15 percent from 2001 and 1 percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 43 percent of the fall storage States' production, the same percentage as a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1, at 226 million cwt, is down 13 percent from the 2000 crop and 10 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993.

Eastern States stored 8.3 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, 2002, down 21 percent from a year ago and 27 percent below two years ago. Both Maine and Pennsylvania holdings are down 20 percent from last year. New York's potato storage is down 35 percent from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 37.4 million cwt of potato stocks this March 1, down 4 percent from 2001 but 16 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 7 percent and Wisconsin's holdings are up 10 percent from this date last year. Michigan's potato stocks are 6 percent lower than last year and Minnesota's are off 22 percent from a year ago. Combined Nebraska and Ohio stocks are 29 percent below a year ago.

Western States held 122 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, 2002, down 18 percent from last year and 3 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 14 percent from a year ago, while Washington is down 13 percent and Oregon is off 32 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 28 percent and Montana's dipped 9 percent from a year ago. California's potato holdings are down 85 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1996-01 OREGON & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTIO N	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 2/
OREGON	1,000 Cwt.							
1996	30,124	23,600	21,500	19,000	16,000	13,300	9,200	
1997	27,319	20,500	19,000	16,000	13,000	9,800	6,500	
1998	26,229	20,000	17,500	15,800	13,000	10,500	7,000	4,200
1999	28,020	22,000	20,500	18,600	15,500	13,000	9,000	5,500
2000	30,683	25,000	23,000	20,000	17,000	13,600	10,000	6,400
2001	20,730	17,500	15,500	14,000	11,500			
15 STATES 1/								
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	394,161	266,520	233,420	201,750	167,870			

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON MARCH 1, 2001 AND MARCH 1, 2002 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2000			CROP OF 2001		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2001	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2002	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,741	1,300	35	1,113	200	18
Colorado	27,972	13,000	46	21,357	9,400	44
Idaho	152,320	76,500	50	127,980	66,000	52
Maine	17,920	8,700	49	16,120	7,000	43
Michigan	14,963	3,400	23	14,030	3,200	23
Minnesota	21,240	10,100	48	18,425	7,900	43
Montana	3,503	2,800	80	3,040	2,550	84
Nebraska 2/	10,127			8,512		
New York	5,964	1,000	17	5,942	650	11
N. Dakota	26,950	11,500	43	26,400	12,300	47
Ohio 2/	1,134			984		
Oregon	30,683	17,000	55	20,730	11,500	55
Pennsylvania	3,510	830	24	3,173	660	21
Washington	105,000	37,500	36	94,400	32,500	34
Wisconsin	33,800	10,500	31	31,955	11,500	36
Other States		3,540			2,510	
15 STATES	458,827	197,670	43	394,161	167,870	43

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant 2002 crop. Seed usage in 2001 totaled 27.4 million cwt. 2/ Combined into "Other States".